

## VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF MINES, MINERALS &amp; ENERGY

## VIRGINIA GAS AND OIL BOARD

Minutes and results of hearing - October 15, 2002

Board members present: Mr. Brent, Mr. Harris, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Ratliff, Mr. Wampler

1. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board considered a petition from Columbia Natural Resources, Inc. under Section 45.1-361.21 for pooling of a conventional gas unit identified as CNR 24655 located in the Rock Lick District, Grundy Quadrangle, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-02-06/18-1038. Continued from September.

The applicant and counsel for the parties to be pooled requested a further continuance of this petition to allow for continued negotiations. The item was carried forward to the November hearing.

2. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board considered a petition from Columbia Natural Resources, Inc. under Section 45.1-361.21 for pooling of a conventional gas unit identified as CNR 24629 located **in the** Rock Lick District, Harmon Quadrangle, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-02-06/18-1039. Continued from September.

The applicant and counsel for the parties to be pooled requested a further continuance of this petition to allow for continued negotiations. The item was carried forward to the November hearing.

3. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board considered a petition from Pocahontas Gas Partnership under Section 45.1-361.22 for pooling of a coalbed methane unit under the Middle Ridge I Coalbed Gas Field Order and identified as AV-124 located in the New Garden District, Honaker Quadrangle, Russell County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-02-08/20-1050. Continued from September.

In the AV-124 unit, the operator controls 100% of the coal interests and 52.3% of the gas interests, and seeks to pool the remaining 47.7% of the gas interests. Acreage subject to pooling totals 23.4 acres in seven tracts with many owners and heirs. There are conflicting claimants and unlocated owners subject to escrow and owners subject to an existing royalty split agreement. A permit application has been submitted and a permit has been issued. Pooling was approved.

4. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board considered a petition from Pocahontas Gas Partnership

under Section 45.1-361.22 for pooling of a coalbed methane unit under the Middle Ridge I Coalbed Gas Field Order and identified as AV-125 located in the New Garden District, Honaker Quadrangle, Russell County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-02-08/20-1051. Continued from September.

In the AV-125 unit, the operator controls 100% of the coal interests and 95.5% of the gas interests, and seeks to pool the remaining 4.5% of the gas interests. Acreage subject to pooling totals 2.2 acres in three tracts with four owners, three of whom are unlocated. There are conflicting claimants and unlocated owners subject to escrow. A permit application has been submitted and a permit was issued. Pooling was approved.

5. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board considered a petition from Pocahontas Gas Partnership under Section 45.1-361.22 for pooling of a coalbed methane unit under the Oakwood Coalbed Methane Gas Field 1 Order and identified as EE-34 located in the Garden/New Garden Districts, Keen Mountain Quadrangle, Russell/Buchanan Counties, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-02-08/20-1055. Continued from September.

In the EE-34 unit, the operator controls 100% of the coal interests and 72.8% of the gas interests, and seeks to pool the remaining 27.2% of the gas interests. Acreage subject to pooling totals 21.8 acres in three tracts with six owners. There are conflicting claimants and unlocated owners subject to escrow and parties subject to an existing royalty split agreement. A permit to drill was issued in July of this year. Pooling was approved.

6. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board considered a petition from Pocahontas Gas Partnership under Section 45.1-361.22 for pooling of a coalbed methane unit under the Oakwood Coalbed Methane Gas Field 1 Order and identified as EE-35 located in the New Garden District, Keen Mountain Quadrangle, Russell County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-02-08/20-1056. Continued from September.

In the EE-35 unit, the operator controls 73.4% of the coal interests and 71.9% of the gas interests, and seeks to pool the remaining 26.6% of the coal interests and 28.1% of the gas interests. Coal acreage subject to pooling totals 21.3 acres in three tracts with 17 unleased owners. Gas acreage subject to pooling totals 22.5 acres in four tracts with 20 unleased owners. There are conflicting claimants and unlocated owners subject to escrow and parties subject to an existing royalty split agreement. A permit to drill was issued in July of this year. Pooling was approved.

7. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board considered a petition from Pocahontas Gas Partnership under Section 45.1-361.22 for pooling of a coalbed methane unit under the Oakwood Coalbed Methane Gas Field 1 Order and identified as FF-35 located in the New Garden District, Keen Mountain Quadrangle, Russell County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-02-08/20-1057. Continued from September.

In the FF-35 unit, the operator controls 73.6% of the coal interests and 66.4% of the gas

interests, and seeks to pool the remaining 26.4% of the coal interests and 33.6% of the gas interests. Coal acreage subject to pooling totals 23.6 acres in three tracts with 15 unleased owners. Gas acreage subject to pooling totals 30.1 acres in six tracts with 21 unleased owners. There are conflicting claimants and unlocated owners subject to escrow and parties subject to an existing royalty split agreement. A permit application has been submitted and a permit was issued 9/3/02. Pooling was approved.

8. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board considered a petition from Pocahontas Gas Partnership under Section 45.1-361.22 for pooling of a coalbed methane unit under the Oakwood Coalbed Methane Gas Field 1 Order and identified as AZ-110 located in the New Garden Districts, Honaker Quadrangle, Russell County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-02-09/17-1070. Continued from September.

In the AZ-110 unit, the operator controls 100% of the coal interests and 94.96% of the gas interests, and seeks to pool the remaining 5.04% of the gas interests. Acreage subject to pooling totals 2.96 acres in five tracts with three owners. There are conflicting claimants and unlocated owners subject to escrow and parties subject to existing royalty split agreements. A permit to drill has been issued, and a well was drilled in February of this year. Pooling was approved.

9. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board considered a petition from Pocahontas Gas Partnership under Section 45.1-361.22 for pooling of a coalbed methane unit under the Middle Ridge I Coalbed Gas Field Order and identified as AZ-113 located in the New Garden District, Honaker Quadrangle, Russell County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-02-09/17-1071. Continued from September.

In the AZ-113 unit, the operator controls 62.7% of the coal and gas interests, and seeks to pool the remaining 37.3% of the interests. Acreage subject to pooling totals 21.9 acres in one tract owned by unknown and unlocatable heirs. There are conflicting claimants and unlocated owners subject to escrow. A permit to drill has been issued, and a well was drilled in September of last year. Pooling was approved.

10. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board considered a petition from Pocahontas Gas Partnership under Section 45.1-361.22 for pooling of a coalbed methane unit under the Middle Ridge I Coalbed Gas Field Order and identified as BA-110 located in the New Garden District, Honaker Quadrangle, Russell County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-02-09/17-1072. Continued from September.

In the BA-110 unit, the operator controls 100% of the coal interests and 95.2% of the gas interests, and seeks to pool the remaining 4.8% of the gas interests. Acreage subject to pooling totals 2.8 acres in four tracts with six unleased owners. There are conflicting claimants subject to escrow and parties subject to existing royalty split agreements. A permit to drill has been issued, and a well was drilled in January of this year. Pooling was approved.

11. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board considered a petition from Pocahontas Gas Partnership under Section 45.1-361.22 for pooling of a coalbed methane unit under the Oakwood Coalbed Methane Gas Field 1 Order and identified as DD-36 located in the Maiden Springs/New Garden Districts, Keen Mountain Quadrangle, Tazewell/Russell Counties, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-02-09/17-1073. Continued from September.

In the DD-36 unit, the operator controls 100% of the coal interests and 97.5% of the gas interests, and seeks to pool the remaining 2.5% of the gas interests. Acreage subject to pooling totals 1.99 acres in two tracts with two unleased owners. There are conflicting claimants subject to escrow. A permit to drill has been issued, and a well was drilled in November of last year. Pooling was approved.

12. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board considered a petition from Pocahontas Gas Partnership under Section 45.1-361.22 for pooling of a coalbed methane unit under the Oakwood Coalbed Methane Gas Field 1 Order and identified as FF-30 located in the Garden/New Garden Districts, Keen Mountain Quadrangle, Buchanan/Russell Counties, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-02-09/17-1074. Continued from September.

In the FF-30 unit, the operator controls 93.9% of the coal interests and 69.4% of the gas interests, and seeks to pool the remaining 6.1% of the coal interests and 30.6% of the gas interests. Coal acreage subject to pooling totals 5.42 acres in one tract with one unleased owner. Gas acreage subject to pooling totals 27.4 acres in four tracts with eight unleased owners. There are conflicting claimants subject to escrow and parties subject to an existing royalty split agreement. A permit to drill has been issued and a well was drilled in May of this year. Pooling was approved.

13. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board considered a petition from Equitable Production Company under Section 45.1-361.21 for pooling of a conventional gas unit and identified as V-502710 located in the Lipps District, Coeburn Quadrangle, Wise County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-02-09/17-1075. Continued from September.

In the V-502710 conventional gas unit, the applicant controls 99.1% of the oil and gas interests, and seeks to pool the remaining 0.89% of the interests. Unleased acreage subject to pooling totals 1.0 acres in two tracts having two unleased owners. There are no unlocated owners subject to escrow. A permit application has been submitted and a permit to drill was issued on 9/3/02. Pooling was approved.

14. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board considered a petition from Equitable Production Company under Section 45.1-361.22 for pooling of a coalbed methane unit under the Nora Coalbed Gas Field and identified as VC-502597 located in the Ervinton District, Duty Quadrangle, Dickenson County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-02-09/17-1076. Continued from September.

In the VC-502597 unit, the operator controls 100% of the coal interests and 97.7% of the gas interests, and seeks to pool the remaining 2.3% of the gas interests. Acreage subject to pooling totals 1.33 acres in one tract with four unleased owners. There are conflicting claimants subject to escrow. No permit application has been submitted. Pooling was approved.

15. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board considered a petition from Columbia Natural Resources, Inc. under Section 45.1-361.21 for pooling of a conventional gas unit identified as 24901 located in the Prater District, Prater Quadrangle, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-02-09/17-1077. Continued from September.

In the 24901 conventional gas unit, the applicant controls 99.2% of the oil and gas interests, and seeks to pool the remaining 0.8% of the interests. Unleased acreage subject to pooling totals 0.87 acres in four tracts having 17 unleased owners. There are unlocated owners subject to escrow. No permit application has been submitted. Pooling was approved.

16. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board considered a petition from Columbia Natural Resources, Inc. under Section 45.1-361.21 for pooling of a conventional gas unit identified as 24902 located in the Prater District, Prater Quadrangle, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-02-09/17-1078. Continued from September.

In the 24902 conventional gas unit, the applicant controls 99.9% of the oil and gas interests, and seeks to pool the remaining 0.1% of the interests. Unleased acreage subject to pooling totals 0.08 acres in two tracts having 11 unleased owners. There are unlocated owners subject to escrow. No permit application has been submitted. Pooling was approved.

17. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board considered a petition from Columbia Natural Resources, Inc. under Section 45.1-361.22 for pooling of a coalbed methane unit under the Nora Coalbed Gas Field and identified as K-75 located in the Rock Lick District, Harmon Quadrangle, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-02-09/17-1079. Continued from September.

This petition was withdrawn by the applicant.

18. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board considered a petition from Columbia Natural Resources, Inc. under Section 45.1-361.22 for pooling of a coalbed methane unit under the Nora Coalbed Gas Field and identified as L-76 located in the Rock Lick District, Harmon Quadrangle, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-02-09/17-1080. Continued from September.

This petition was withdrawn by the applicant.

19. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board considered a petition from Columbia Natural Resources, Inc. under Section 45.1-361.22 for pooling of a coalbed methane unit under the Nora Coalbed Gas Field and identified as M-76 located in the Rock Lick District, Harmon Quadrangle, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-02-09/17-1081. Continued from September.

This petition was withdrawn by the applicant.

20. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board considered a petition from Buchanan Production Company under Section 45.1-361.22 for a coalbed methane unit identified as BB8 in the Oakwood Coalbed Methane I Field Order for amendment of prior pooling order, disbursement from escrow regarding Tract 2D and authorizing for direct payment of royalties, located on the Hurricane and Prater Districts, Vansant Quadrangle, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-90-10/10-0033-01. Continued from September.

In the BB-8 unit, the applicant seeks to re-pool the interests to reflect newly acquired ownership information. Under the proposed re-pooling, there are conflicting claimants and unlocated owners subject to continued escrow. The applicant also seeks approval for disbursement of escrowed funds and direct payment of future revenues attributable to Tract 2D subsequent to a royalty split agreement entered into by the conflicting owners of that tract. Re-pooling and disbursement of escrowed funds were approved.

21. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board considered a petition from Buchanan Production Company under Section 45.1-361.22 for a coalbed methane unit identified as AA-8 in the Oakwood Coalbed Methane I Field Order for amendment of prior pooling order, disbursement from escrow regarding Tracts 1A, 1D, 1E and 1F and authorizing for direct payment of royalties located on the Hurricane and Prater Districts, Vansant Quadrangle, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-90-10/10-0032-01. Continued from September.

In the AA-8 unit, the applicant seeks to re-pool the interests to reflect newly acquired ownership information. Under the proposed re-pooling, there are conflicting claimants and unlocated owners subject to continued escrow. The applicant also seeks approval for disbursement of escrowed funds and direct payment of future revenues attributable to Tracts 1A, 1D, 1E and 1F subsequent to royalty split agreements entered into by the conflicting owners of those tracts. Re-pooling and disbursement of escrowed funds were approved.

22. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board considered a petition from Buchanan Production Company under Section 45.1-361.22 for a coalbed methane unit identified as Z-8 in the Oakwood Coalbed Methane I Field Order for amendment of prior pooling order, disbursement from escrow regarding Tracts 1A and 1B and authorizing for direct payment of royalties located on the Prater District, Vansant Quadrangle, Buchanan County, Virginia.

Docket Number VGOB-91-04/30-0114-01. Continued from September.

In the Z-8 unit, the applicant seeks to re-pool the interests to reflect newly acquired ownership information. Under the proposed re-pooling, there are conflicting claimants and unlocated owners subject to continued escrow. The applicant also seeks approval for disbursement of escrowed funds and direct payment of future revenues attributable to Tracts 1A, and 1B subsequent to royalty split agreements entered into by the conflicting owners of those tracts. Re-pooling and disbursement of escrowed funds were approved.

23. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board considered a petition from Consol Energy, Inc. under Section 45.1-361.22 for pooling or re-pooling of a coalbed methane unit under the Nora Coalbed Methane Gas Field Order and identified as K-75 located in the Rock Lick District, Harmon Quadrangle, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-02-09/17-1079-01

In the K-75 coalbed methane unit, the applicant is a coal and coalbed methane lessee and claimant to coalbed methane on property where the oil and gas rights are leased to Columbia Natural Resources. The applicant seeks to pool all interests in the unit, provide for participatory elections by all parties and authorize payment of all working interest funds into escrow. The unit is on a single leasehold and there are no unleased or unlocated owners. A permit to drill this unit was issued to Consol Energy, Inc on August 29, 2002. Pooling was approved and the docket number was changed to VGOB-02-09/17-1079 to reflect the fact that no previous action has been taken under this number.

24. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board considered a petition from Consol Energy, Inc. under Section 45.1-361.22 for pooling or re-pooling of a coalbed methane unit under the Nora Coalbed Methane Gas Field Order and identified as L-76 located in the Rock Lick District, Harmon Quadrangle, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-02-09/17-1080-01.

In the L-76 coalbed methane unit, the applicant is a coal and coalbed methane lessee and claimant to coalbed methane on property where the oil and gas rights are leased to Columbia Natural Resources. The applicant seeks to pool all interests in the unit, provide for participatory elections by all parties and authorize payment of all working interest funds into escrow. The unit is on a single leasehold and there are no unleased or unlocated owners. A permit to drill this unit was issued to Consol Energy, Inc on August 29, 2002. Pooling was approved and the docket number was changed to VGOB-02-09/17-1080 to reflect the fact that no previous action has been taken under this number.

25. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board considered a petition from Consol Energy, Inc. under Section 45.1-361.22 for pooling or re-pooling of a coalbed methane unit under the Nora Coalbed Methane Gas Field Order and identified as M-76 located in the Rock Lick District, Harmon Quadrangle, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-02-09/17-1081-01.

In the M-76 coalbed methane unit, the applicant is a coal and coalbed methane lessee and claimant to coalbed methane on property where the oil and gas rights are leased to Columbia Natural Resources. The applicant seeks to pool all interests in the unit, provide for participatory elections by all parties and authorize payment of all working interest funds into escrow. The unit is on a single leasehold and there are no unleased or unlocated owners. A permit to drill this unit was issued to Consol Energy, Inc on August 29, 2002. Pooling was approved and the docket number was changed to VGOB-02-09/17-1081 to reflect the fact that no previous action has been

26. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board considered a petition from Pocahontas Gas Partnership under Section 45.1-361.22 for pooling of a coalbed methane unit under the Middle Ridge I Coalbed Methane Gas Field Order and identified as BD-116 located in the New Garden District, Honaker Quadrangle, Russell County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-02-10/15-1082.

In the BD-116 unit, the operator controls 100% of the coal interests and 99.88% of the gas interests, and seeks to pool the remaining 0.12% of the gas interests. Acreage subject to pooling totals 0.09 acres in one tract with six unleased owners. There are conflicting claimants and unlocated owners subject to escrow, and other owners subject to pre-existing royalty-split agreements. A permit to drill this unit has been issued and a well was drilled in May of this year. Pooling was approved.

27. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board considered a petition from Pocahontas Gas Partnership under Section 45.1-361.22 for pooling of a coalbed methane unit under the Oakwood Coalbed Methane Gas Field I Order and identified as EE-36 located in the Maiden Springs/New Garden District, Keen Mountain Quadrangle, Tazewell/Russell Counties, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-02-10/15-1083.

In the EE-36 unit, the operator controls 98.5% of the coal interests and 89.1% of the gas interests, and seeks to pool the remaining 1.5% of the coal interests and 10.9% of the gas interests. Coal acreage subject to pooling totals 1.2 acres in one tract with 13 unleased owners. Gas acreage subject to pooling totals 8.7 acres in three tracts with 15 unleased owners. There are conflicting claimants and unlocated owners subject to escrow. No permit application has been submitted for this unit. Pooling was approved.

28. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board considered a petition from Equitable Production Company under Section 45.1-361.22 for pooling of a coalbed methane unit under the Nora Coalbed Gas Field Order and identified as VC-505181 located in the Hurricane District, Vansant Quadrangle, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-02-10/15-1084.

In the VC-505181 unit, the operator controls 99.7% of the coal and gas interests, and seeks to pool the remaining 0.3% of the interests. Acreage subject to pooling totals 0.17 acres in one tract which is under lease to a different operator. There are no conflicting claimants or unlocated owners subject to escrow. A permit to drill this unit was issued in September of



this year. Pooling **was approved**.

29. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board considered a petition from Equitable Production Company under Section 45.1-361.22 for pooling of a coalbed methane unit under the Nora Coalbed Gas Field Order and identified as VC-502970 located in the Ervinton District, Duty Quadrangle, Dickenson County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-02-10/15-1085.

In the VC-502970 unit, the operator controls 100% of the coal interests and 99.2% of the gas interests, and seeks to pool the remaining 0.8% of the gas interests. Acreage subject to pooling totals 0.47 acres in one tract with four unleased owners. There are conflicting claimants subject to escrow. A permit to drill this unit was issued on October 1, 2002. Pooling was approved.

30. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board considered a petition from Equitable Production Company under Section 45.1-361.22 for pooling of a coalbed methane unit under the Oakwood Coalbed Gas Field I Order and identified as VC-509263 located in the North Grundy District, Patterson Quadrangle, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-02-10/15-1086.

In the VC-509263 unit, the operator controls 94.3% of the coal interests and 76.4% of the gas interests, and seeks to pool the remaining 5.7% of the coal interests and 23.6% of the gas interests. Coal acreage subject to pooling totals 4.3 acres in one tract which is leased to a different operator, and gas acreage totals 17.9 acres in three tracts with seven unleased owners. There are conflicting claimants subject to escrow. A permit application has been submitted. Pooling was approved.

31. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board considered a petition from Penn Virginia Oil and Gas Corporation under Section 45.1-361.21 for pooling of a conventional gas unit identified as Greear #1 located in the Floyd District, Ft. Blackmore Quadrangle, Scott County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-02-10/15-1087.

In the Greear #1 conventional gas unit, the applicant controls 86.5% of the oil and gas interests, and seeks to pool the remaining 13.5% of the interests. Unleased acreage subject to pooling totals 15.3 acres in one tract having one unleased owner. There are no unlocated owners subject to escrow. A permit application has been submitted. Pooling was approved.

32. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board considered a petition from Dart Oil and Gas Corporation under Section 45.1-361.21 for pooling of a conventional gas unit identified as Harmon #1 located in the Castlewood District, Moll Creek Quadrangle, Russell County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-02-10/15-1088.

All parties subject to pooling have reached voluntary leasing agreements with the applicant.

The pooling application was withdrawn at the request of the applicant.

33. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board considered a petition from Pocahontas Gas Partnership under Section 45.1-361.22 for a coalbed methane unit identified as P-40 in the Oakwood Coalbed Methane I & II Field Orders for amendment of prior pooling order, disbursement from escrow regarding Tracts 2 and 3 and authorizing for direct payment of royalties. Docket Number VGOB-93-02/16-0330-01.

At the request of the unit operator, this petition was carried forward to the November hearing.

34. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board considered a petition from Pocahontas Gas Partnership under Section 45.1-361.22 for a coalbed methane unit identified as P-42 in the Oakwood Coalbed Methane I Field Order for amendment of prior pooling order, disbursement from escrow regarding Tract 2 and authorizing for direct payment of royalties. Docket Number VGOB-93-03/16-0341-01.

The applicant has submitted a supplemental affidavit to the Board stating that conflicting owners of coalbed methane resources in Tracts 2 have entered into a royalty split agreement. The applicant seeks disbursement of escrowed funds attributable to the tract, and amendment of the pooling order to allow for direct payment of future royalties attributable to that tract in accordance with the split agreement. There are no other conflicting claimants or unlocated owners, so the escrow sub-account for this unit is to be closed after payout. Disbursement of funds and direct payment of future royalties were approved.

35. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board considered a petition from Pocahontas Gas Partnership under Section 45.1-361.22 for a coalbed methane unit identified as P-43 in the Oakwood Coalbed Methane I Field Order for amendment of prior pooling order, disbursement from escrow regarding Tracts 2A and 2B and authorizing for direct payment of royalties. Docket Number VGOB-00-03/21-0777-01.

At the request of the unit operator, this petition was carried forward to the November hearing.

36. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board considered a petition from Pocahontas Gas Partnership under Section 45.1-361.22 for a coalbed methane unit identified as P-44 in the Oakwood Coalbed Methane I Field Order for amendment of prior pooling order, disbursement from escrow regarding Tracts 1 and 3 and authorizing for direct payment of royalties. Docket Number VGOB-00-03/21-0778-01.

At the request of the unit operator, this petition was carried forward to the November hearing.

**37.** The Virginia Gas and Oil Board received a quarterly report on the Board Escrow Account as administered by First Union Bank, Escrow Agent for the board.

The escrow account balance as of September 30, 2002 was \$6,682,158.61. Deposits and interest for the quarter totaled \$208,100.35 and \$25,537.71, respectively. There were no disbursements but the account was debited in the amount of \$30,000 to cover fees for the first two quarters of the calendar year.

The deadline for filing of petitions to the Board for the November hearing is 5 p.m., October 18, 2002 with the hearing scheduled for 9 a.m., Tuesday, November 19, 2002 at the Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center, Abingdon, Virginia.

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